

Subject: Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program - Training on May 17 in Seattle

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

My name is Louis George and I am the Director of Outreach and Education for the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. I am reaching out to you in your position as Chair of the Washington State Bar Section's Legal Assistance to Military Personnel.

The Veterans Consortium is holding an upcoming all-day CLE program on Friday, May 17, at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP in Seattle. I wanted to inform you about the program, as well as to invite you as well as any of your colleagues and fellow section members to register and attend this free program.

The Veterans Consortium provides pro bono representation to pro se veterans appealing adverse Board of Veterans' Appeals decision to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. We have been in existence for over 20 years, and we train and mentor attorneys, as well as place screened appeals before the Veterans Court. I have attached a copy of our Annual Report, as well as a flyer regarding the upcoming training in Seattle. The training is a great opportunity to get into the area of veterans law, within the appellate court setting. The Court is an Article I appellate court (appeals from the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims are heard by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit). The training is free of charge, and we are working with the firm to secure CLE credit as well. Judge Alan Lance, one of the judges on the Court (and the former attorney general from Idaho) will be presenting at the training as well. We only ask that an attorney take one case before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (attorneys can pair up if they wish – for example, a partner can take a case with an associate).

We are sending the word out regarding the training, and you might have heard about it, but I wanted to reach out to you individually in view of your military service and experience assisting military service members – experience such as yours would be invaluable. We are trying to spread the word about the training, so if you would be able to attend or tell your colleagues about the training, that would be appreciated.

More information regarding the training is at <http://www.vetsprobono.org/volunteer-today/>. If you would like to speak about the training, I am available at your convenience. My email address is louis_george@nvlsp.org, and my telephone number is 202-265-8305, extension 117.

Sincerely,
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